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MONTREAL CRIMINAL COURT.

The King vs. Edouard Monarque and Joseph Chapleau.

Hypolite Deneault, Louis Chaput Joseph Champagne, Felix Hainault dit Deschamps, Frs. Mesquier dit Lapierre, Leon Joubert, Jean Baptiste Hamel, Narcisse Mallet, Francois Comte, Frs. Masson, Jon, Andre Lesiege, and Simon Hogue, were sworn as jurymen, when the indictment was read, accusing Edouard Monarque of having, on the 22d April last, deliberately, purposely, and maliciously, committed an assault with a stick on the person of William Hands, private in the 24th regiment, stationed at Montreal, and inflicted a wound of which William Hands died; and the said Joseph Chapleau, of having feloniously aided and assisted in the crime.

The Attorney General stated the case, and called the following witnesses:—

George Hyginbotham, is a soldier in the grenadier company of the 24th regiment. He and another soldier had been with Hands to a friend's house, where they each had two glasses of liquor; had none previously that day. In returning, when at the corner of Bonsecours and St. Denis streets, Hands had occasion to remain behind them for a minute, and told them to go slow and he would come up to them. He did not come up to them; but a few moments after they reached the barracks, he came up to them covered with blood, and said he had been beaten by four, five, or six Canadians. He washed the blood from his person and retired to bed. He complained very much all night, and at six o'clock next morning he was insensible.

He was carried to the hospital, where he died. He had not taken any more liquor than the two glasses, and during nine years that he had known him, always considered him a sober man.

John Kennedy, soldier in the 24th regiment, entirely confirmed the testimony of the preceding witness.

John Aousthe Delisle resides in Montreal. On the evening of the 2d April last he was in the Quebec Suburbs, where he met the prisoners about a quarter past seven o'clock, and they were together about an hour or three quarters of an hour. He went into a caleche belonging to a man named Prevost, and drove through the main street of St. Louis Suburbs. The two prisoners and a person named Belair were along with him in the caleche. At the corner of St. Denis and Bonsecours streets, Monarque went out of the caleche and said good night, as if going towards Mr. Bingham's house, when Chapleau said to him, come with us to Mrs. Ogden's. At this moment a soldier passed, and said something which witness did not hear, to which Chapleau said, *Go to hell yourself*. Chapleau leapt from the caleche and ran after the soldier, who was proceeding up the hill, and thus was placed between Chapleau and Monarque. Immediately afterwards he heard one of the prisoners saying, take care of the bayonet, and at the same time heard a blow struck by one of the prisoners. He observed that it could not be a blow with a fist, as it cracked stronger. The carter came forward towards the soldier, whom he assisted to rise from the ground. One of the prisoners had the bayonet. Belair told him to return the bayonet, which he did, saying, *My good man go to your barracks*. Saw the soldier kicked twice when on his hands and knees, but does not know which of the two prisoners did so. Remarked to Monarque that he had not struck the soldier with his fist. Monarque said yes, but after a little hesitation showed him a *Garcette*, which is a piece of twisted rope with a knob of lead at one of its ends. Witness does not know if the deceased fell at the first blow, and is unable to say if he was sober or not, the whole affair passing so quickly. The roars were very bad. He saw several people passing, but does not know who they were.

Cross-questioned—Says that he went into the caleche with the prisoners, merely to take a drive and without any intention of striking any person; the stick which Monarque had was a common one, of about two inches in circumference; heard the stick crack, but did not know on what part of the deceased, who was near an enclosure. After the affair, Chapleau asked Monarque to go along with him to widow Ogden's, which Monarque declined; the night was so dark that nothing could be seen. Witness has always considered Chapleau an honest, quiet lad.

By the Court—When Chapleau went into the caleche, witness could not see Monarque.

Alexis Belair, was in the Quebec Suburbs with the prisoners and Delisle. Prevot drove them in a caleche. They started about a quarter before 8 o'clock, & stopped at the corner of Bonsecours and St. Louis streets—all four were then in the caleche. Monarque made them stop on purpose that he might go to the Capt. Yule's house. After Monarque's departure, a soldier passed by the enclosure, and placed himself against it, where Monarque, who appeared returning to the caleche, met him; heard them speak, and immediately afterwards heard a blow given by a stick. It was not till after the blow was struck that Chapleau got out of the caleche, and went up to the soldier. An instant afterwards Monarque and Chapleau returned to the caleche with the bayonet, when witness told them to return the bayonet, as the man had been sufficiently beaten; it was thrown to him, when he picked it up and went away. After receiving the blows, he seemed tipsy. Monarque had a stick which belonged to witness. Immediately afterwards they stopped at a tavern. Monarque showed a *garcette*, which is a piece of twisted rope with a knob of lead in the end of it; witness said surely it was not with that he had inflicted the blow, and Monarque replied that it was with the stick. Monarque had the stick on leaving the Quebec Suburbs, but it was not seen in his possession after the blow was inflicted.

Cross-questioned—It was the 22d April.

He went with the two prisoners and the carter Prevot, on purpose to go to the Quebec Suburbs, where he met Delisle, who appeared to be tipsy. They went away about eight o'clock, and he had no conversation about a soldier or about quarrelling. Chapleau has always been considered a peaceable young man. Monarque left the others on purpose to see a young girl who lived in Captain Yule's house. The soldier passed about two minutes after the caleche stopped, and appeared to be tipsy. He stood against the caleche, and said something which was not intelligible; Chapleau said, *go to hell*. (The rest of the evidence was similar to that of the previous witness.)

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April last. He knew the deceased, and considered him a sober and well behaved man. He attended him on the morning of the 2d April at the hospital, when he was in convulsions and vomited. His wound was on the head, for which he bled him twice, and he expired about seven o'clock that night. Witness examined the body and perceived a large fracture on the skull; the brain was clotted with blood.

The Doctor exhibited a portion of the skull about four inches in size, which showed the fracture, and must have been occasioned by a single blow. Death was occasioned by the accumulation of blood on the brain. The wounds appeared to have been given by a *garcette*, which is a piece of twisted rope with a knob of lead or iron on one of its extremities.

Dr. Racey, of this city, gave similar testimony.

Thos. Hodgetts, adjutant of the 2d regiment, said that he knew all the soldiers in the regiment. The absence of any individual, and in fact, every circumstance connected with the regiment, is communicated to him. Knew that William Hands was in the hospital in consequence of having been beaten in the town: if any other soldier had been beaten, he should have heard of it. Deceased was an excellent soldier, and never required to be punished; remarkably sober and always conducted himself with the strictest propriety. It is customary to have the band at military funerals.

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TEMPERANCE.

EXTRACT.

Affecting Case of the Effect of Intemperance, and want of Decision of Character.

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It is nearly twenty years since, a youth from the interior of the country, was sent to one of our populous towns for the purpose of completing his academic and collegiate education. He was the only beloved child of a widowed mother. He possessed talents of a high order, industrious and pleasing address, a joyousness and hilarity of disposition, which gathered him a numerous circle of friends and associates. As his mind deployed itself, he exhibited a fascinating power of conversation, and that brilliancy of wit, which has always exposed its possessor to the temptation of conviviality. With the ardor of his temperament, and beyond the reach of parental restraint, he yielded to these temptations, and fell into painful and frequent excesses. It was agonizing to see the fans of the destroyer, first inspiring themselves upon a victim so costly. At this time, he received these kind and tender remonstrances, which can be dictated only by a mother's heart, and written with a mother's hand. He was melted. Weeping and kissing the letter, he made a vow to reform. He did so; but in his attempt, he found no sympathy—none with whom he dare converse on his reformation. Obliged not only to resist an incipient habit, but also to sacrifice all the enjoyments of friend-hip—he relapsed. His career increased in rapidity, and he was shortly afterwards obliged to leave the institution of which he was a member, and retire to a neighboring village. In that place, accidentally, visited one evening by a class mate, "I am the most miserable of all beings" he exclaimed. "Here is a letter from my mother, in which she forbids me her presence forever, saying, that it will kill her to see her only child a profligate son, I would like indeed to die. My prospects are blighted, and if I live I shall

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Two years after this event, the same person who had visited this young man, in a village near the college, was travelling through the city of New York, to the interior of New Jersey. Going on board a steam boat, his attention was attracted to a person stretched on deck and wrapped in a cloak. His curiosity, excited and approaching the individual, he was shocked at recognizing, in the bloodshot eye and haggard countenance, the features of his college companion. He arose, and though partially inebriated, was conscious of his situation. "Are you here?" exclaimed the young man. "Now no more preaching—no more advice—my best friend is my bottle." "What are you doing and where are you going?" inquired the other. I have been in New York and am now going to Philadelphia to see my friend D.—You know him; we have had many a merry hour; I mean to have another. My physician says I must shortly die with my present habits."

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distinguish between the *people*, and their ambitious selfish *leaders*. On the part of the Courier it is a mere "assumption" to drag us into his list, for we do not exchange with him and he must therefore be supposed to know little concerning us; and his wholesale attack proves the truth of the supposition. We beg him to expunge us from his list.

FIRE.—On the night of the 8th inst., the Steam Mill belonging to Messrs. Sowles and Lyman, at West Alburg, Vt., together with all its apparatus, a carding machine, belonging to the Hon. John M. Sowles, and about 2,000 pieces pine plank, belonging to Messrs. Darby and Reynolds, were entirely consumed by fire. It is believed that the Boilers, Cylinders and most of the heavy machinery will not be materially injured. Loss estimated in the whole at about 4,000 dollars. No insurance.

The Provincial Parliament is called for the DESPATCH OF BUSINESS, By a Royal Proclamation of His Excellency Lord Gosford, for TUESDAY, TWENTY SEVENTH OCTOBER.

His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief has been pleased to appoint STEPHEN WALCOTT, Esquire to be His Civil Secretary.

Mr. ROEBUCK AND THE PRESS.—In the House of Commons the business began by the presentation of petitions, among which was one from some printers at York against a total repeal of the duties on newspapers. This petition seemed to drive that very simple person the Hon. Member for Bath almost out of his wits, and set him raving about the corruption, the cowardice, immorality, &c., of the newspaper press. This extremely insignificant person is surely abusing the privilege of Parliament when he thus speaks in unqualified terms, without making a single exception, of a class, many of whose members are infinitely his superiors in knowledge, in talents, in moral and honourable qualities. We confess that our contemptuous appreciation of an attack from such a quarter precludes any detailed notice of such puny petulance; but we think the House, for its own dignity, should not extend the protection of its privilege to calumnious invectives on those who are not present to defend themselves.—*Times*.

LORD ALVANLEY.—The evening before Lord Alvanley went to meet Mr. Morgan O'Connell, he from a dinner party arose at an hour that was early, with the quiet apology that he "was going on a shooting excursion!" Eh! that's good! Nobody suspected the deed of "high uxipre" he contemplated. Then, again, when Colonel Hedges announced the so unreasonable and fierce requisition of Mr. Morgan, that they should fire after the second exchange of broadsides, and Lord Alvanley's friend, Colonel Dawson, handed him a loaded pop for the third time, he apily remarked, "Why, Dawson, we shall go on firing till the 1st of September." Eh! isn't that good tempered, and courageous, and pleasant? Answer, ye glib Sarscels. Finally, when he got out of a harkney-coach on his return, he presented the driving personage with a sovereign. "Lord, Sir, I can't have all this for taking you such a short way. 'No, my good fellow,' goeth his Lordship, 'it's for bringing me back.' Ha, ha, ha!—now don't you call that good-humour, and generosity, and genuine wit?—*Fox's Monthly Repository*.

We have already alluded to Mr. Walkers' reported interview with Mr. O'Connell. Nothing has been published on the subject, but the incredible account given by the now House of Assembly London Correspondent. With respect to Mr. Ryan, of Quebec, it is notorious that he never spoke a word to Mr. O'Connell on the subject of Canada, and merely bowed to that gentleman, on a visit at his son's. As to the declaration by Mr. O'Connell, that he had been requested to support the Quebec Constitutional petition, it is, most undoubtedly, untrue.—*Old Quebec Gaz.*

A report, taken from a Morning Paper, of the trial of *Monarque* and *Chapelin*, for the murder of the soldier, Hands, will be found in our columns of to-day. At the time the deed was done, we deprecated pecuniary suspicion of the innocence or guilt of the accused. We have now the evidence for the Crown before us, and we must say that the verdict of the Jury has filled us with astonishment. We should be curious to see an argument justifying the acquittal of *Monarque*. It is as true now as it was in April last, that poor Hands was foully murdered. We have no desire to bring the Criminal Court into discredit, nor to speak disrespectfully of the Jury, but most certainly the result of this trial will be regarded with feelings of mispakeable wonder and regret.—*Irish Advocate*.

Extract of a letter from William Henry to a gentleman in this city:—The political people in this part of the country had a great meeting the other day at St. Armand. The *habitants* were admonished, as to the conduct they were to observe towards the Commissioners, should they come among them and enquire into their causes for complaint. They were to be referred to the Representatives of the people. The *habitants* were on no account to suffer themselves to be drawn into any discussion on political subjects, but strictly to adhere to the line of conduct pointed out to them, and they were assured by their tutors that all they wanted would be obtained.—*Quebec Mercury*.

The reward of 20,000 dollars, offered at New Orleans for the person of Mr. Arthur Tappan, of New York, a gentleman in every way respectable, has excited more interest in Quebec than elsewhere in Canada, where both he and his wife have relatives, one of whom from Quebec is in New York. It appears Mr. Tappan has devoted some of his large fortune to the circulation of printed pamphlets in aid of his own laudable opinion, that of abolishing slavery; and one of the most horrible attempts at controlling the freedom of opinion by which his peace and life are put into the hands of every criminal in the country, has been publicly resorted to, and gounds upon the Republican United States!—*Old Quebec Gaz.*

Extract of a letter dated city of Mexico, Aug. 1st. "The country at present is tranquil, but to advance any opinion as to how long this tranquility will continue, would be mere speculation. The present subject of discussion is whether the executive power shall devolve on St. Anna alone, or upon a union of two others with him. Upon the settlement of this question, will depend the future tranquility of others. Santa Anna is radically opposed to any division of his power."

Steamboat Accident.—A singular accident occurred to a steamboat on the Mississippi, on the 12th of July. While running close to the shore to avoid the current, a large cotton tree suddenly fell across the boat with a tremendous crash, breaking through the boiler deck to the lower, on which a dozen men were sleeping, all of whom had not time to leap out of danger before the huge trunk sung deep into the deck, nearly severing one poor fellow in two, crushing the head of another, and slightly wounding one or two more. After the alarm caused by this occurrence had subsided, the tree was cut away, and the boat proceeded on her voyage. The tree was ninety feet long and four feet in diameter...—*Baltimore American*.

Thrilling Incident.—While the cars were in full movement on the Germantown rail road on Sunday, an object was descried ahead which, on approaching and arresting the locomotive, was found to be a child asleep. Its arm and head were resting on the rail, where it was taking its nap, says the Philadelphia Gazette, on the perilous pillow, after being fatigued, probably, by play.

Actual conversation between an Irish Lady and an Irish Servant out of place,— "Ail! then I'm proud to see yer biship; and God reward ye and be good to ye, for the favor ye've shown a noor lone old crayer like myself!—Sure what would I do but die only for ye? 'Why don't you try to get a place? A place is it? Och, it's my feet that's wore off looking after them for places; and the worst of them won't take up wid me, 'cause I'm ould and Irish, which is a shame—and you ma'am and many like ye, from the sod, God bless ye; 'Well you must only keep your spirits; 'Troth ma'am it's all I have to keep. And now there's two of my front teeth gone; though to be sure they took the best time to be off, when I'd nothing for 'em to do."—*Literary Gazette*.

More Murder.—A letter from Nashville, Tenn., to a gentleman in this city, dated the 1st ult., states that the body of a man of that place, who had informed of some mail robbers having cut the mail from the stage, was found next morning in the river, with his throat cut and his shirt tied up over his head.—*Balt. Patriot*.

A well regulated mind does not regard the abhorrent language of a wretch in the light of an insult, and deems it no great revenge. All the admissions in which the latter may give interior evidence will not raise him one jot above his proper level or depress the former, in the slightest degree, below his sphere.

"A good, sensible, and well bred man."

"Will not insult me—and no other can."

Sad Disappointment.—The Editor of a St. Louis paper, speaking of the scarcity of women in the vicinity of Galena, says, a man who lived in that desolate region lately walked twenty miles to obtain sight of a petticoat, and on arriving at the place, found the coat, untenantanted hanging on a bush.

An Ox spitted by a Hurricane.—It is stated in the western papers that during the late hurricane in Canton, Illinois, a fine ox was driven by the power of the wind through an ox-yard.—*N. Y. Times*.

Large Bell.—The bell recently cast at Moscow, which was formerly in the tower of Jean Weliki in that city, weighs 7000 pounds, or 252,000 lbs. The clapper weighs 120 pounds.

An Indian meeting a traveller, the other day, passing through the nation, accosted him thus:— "Howdy? Want more land? Come steal um, eh?"

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POETRY.

TRUE BLUE.

Tune of "I've kiss'd and I've platt'd with fifty fair maids."

There are fifty fine colours that flaunt and flare,
All pleasant and gay to see;
But of all the fine colours that dance in the air,
True Blue is the colour for me.

True blue is the colour of good true love,
For it melts in woman's eye;
True blue is the colour of heaven above,
For it beams in the azure sky.

True blue is the vest that nature free
Has spread round the joyous earth;
True blue is the colour of the dancing sea,
As it gave to Beauty birth.

True blue, it flows in the sooth blue vein
Of a bosom that's fair and true,
As the violet, softend by heaven's own rain,
Is ting'd with the heavenly blue.

True blue, it is seen in the distant vale,
Where the fond bear's love to roare:
It curls in the smoke from the shoter'd dale,
As it guides the wanderer home.

True blue hangs glorify over the wave,
From a thousand shps outur'd;
It clothes the breast of the British brave,
As they bear it round the world.

And when skies grow dark, & the wild winds yell,
If he sees but a spark of blue,
The steersman is glad, for he knows "All's well,"
And his guardian angel's true.

Then let all the fine colours go flaunt and flare,
All pleasant and gay to see,—
True blue is the colour alone to wear,—
True Blue is the colour for me.

MISCELLANY.

THE SOLDIER'S RETURN.

BY JOHN MACKAY WILSON.

Seven or eight years ago I was travelling between Berwick and Selwick, and having started at the crowing of the cock, I had left Melrose before four in the afternoon. On arriving at Abbotsford, I perceived a Highland soldier, apparently fatigued as myself, leaning upon a walking stick, and gazing intently on the fairy palace of the magician whose wand is since broken, but whose magic still remains. I am no particular disciple of Lavater's, yet the man carried his soul upon his face, and we were friends at the first glance. He wore a plain Highland bonnet, and a coarse gray coat, buttoned to the throat. His dress bespoke him to belong only to the ranks; but there was a dignity in his manner, and a fire, a glowing language in his eyes, worthy of a chieftain. His height might exceed five feet nine, and his age be about thirty. The traces of manly beauty were still upon his cheeks; but the sun of a western hemisphere had tinged them with a sallow hue and imprinted untimely furrows.

Our conversation related chiefly to the classic scenery around us; and we had pleasantly journeyed together for two or three miles, when we arrived at a little sequestered burial-ground by the way side, near which there was neither church nor dwelling. Its low wall was thinly covered with turf, and we sat down upon it to rest. My companion became silent and melancholy, and his eyes wandered anxiously among the graves.

"Here," said he, "sleep some of my father's children who died in infancy." He picked up a small stone from the ground, and throwing it gently about ten yards, "that," added he, "is the very spot. But thank heaven, no grave stone has been raised during my absence! It is a token I shall find my parents living—and continued he with a sigh, "may I also find their love! It is hard, sir, when the heart of a parent is turned against his own child."

He dropped his head upon his breast for a few moments and was silent, and hastily raising his forefinger to his eyes, seemed to dash away a solitary tear. Then turning to me, he continued: "You may think, sir, this is weakness in a soldier; but human hearts beat beneath a red-coat. My father whose name was Campbell, and who was brought from Argyleshire while young, is a wealthy farmer in this neighborhood. Twelve years ago I loved a being gentle as the light of a summer morn. We were children together, and she grew in beauty on my sight, as the star of evening steals into glory through the twilight. But she was poor and portionless, the daughter of a mean shepherd. Our attachment offended my father. He commanded me to leave her forever. I could not, and he turned me from his house. I wandered, I knew not, and I cared not, whither. But I will not detain you with my history. In my utmost need I met a sergeant of the forty second, who was then upon the recruiting service, and in a few weeks I joined that regimen of proud hearts. I was at Brussels when the invitation to the wolf-much funeral and the solitary mourner. The fash's obsequies were delayed, and the son laid both his parents in the same grave.

Several months passed away before I gained information respecting the sequel of my little story. After his parents were laid in the dust, William Campbell, with a sad and anxious heart made inquiries after Jeanne Le-she, the object of his early affections, to whom we have already alluded. For several weeks his search was fruitless; but at length he learned that considerable property had been left to her father by a distant relative, and that he now resided somewhere in Dumfriesshire.

In the same garb which I have already described, the soldier set out upon his journey. With little difficulty he discovered the house. It resembled such as occupied by the higher class of farmers. "The

light!"—as the Scot's Greys, flying to our aid raised the electric shout, "Scotland forever!—Scotland forever!" returned our tartaned clansmen; "Scotland forever!" reverberated as from the hearts we had left behind us; and Scotland forever! re-echoed "Victory!" It was a moment of inspiration and of triumph... Forward dashed our highland heroes, fearless as their fathers, resistless as the mountain cataract! The proud steed and his mailed rider qualified at the shout. Home and its world of unutterable joys...yes, home and the fair bosom that would welcome its hero...glory and the spirit of our fathers...all rushed upon our imagination at the sound. It was a moment of poetry, of patriotism, and of inspiration...of poetry felt by all, except the wretch,

"Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my native land."

"Heavens," added he, starting to his feet and grasping his staff, as the enthusiasm of the past gushed back upon his soul, "to have joined in that shout was to have lived an eternity in the vibration of a pendent lute!"

In a few minutes the animated soul that gave eloquence to his tongue drew itself back into the chambers of humanity, and, resuming his seat upon the wall, he continued:

"I left my old regiment with the prospect of promotion, and have since served in the West Indies; but I have heard nothing of my father—nothing of my mother—nothing of her I love!"

While he was yet speaking the grave-digger entered the ground. He approached within a few yards of where we sat. He measured off a few narrow paces of earth—it encircled the little stone which the soldier had thrown to mark out the burial place of his family. Convulsions rushed over the features of my companion; he shivered—he grasped my arm—his lips quivered—his breathing became short and loud—the cold sweat trickled from his temples. He sprang over the wall—he rushed towards the spot.

"Man, be exalmed in agony, 'whose grave is that?'

"Hoot! awa' wi' ye," said the grave-digger, starting back at his manner; what na a way is that to glif a body! are ye daft?"

"Answer me," cried the soldier, seizing his hand, "whose grave—whose grave is that?"

"Mercy me!" replied the man of death,

"ye are surely out o' your head; it's an

body they ca'd Adam Campbell's grave.

"Now, are ye oy thing the wiser for spirin'?"

"My father!" cried my comrade, as I approached him; and clasping his hands together, he bent his head upon my shoulder and wept aloud.

I will not dwell upon this painful scene.

During his absence adversity had given the fortunes of his father to the wind; and he had died in an humble cottage, unlamented and unnoticed by the friends of his prosperity.

At the request of my fellow traveller, I accompanied him to the house of mourning. Two or three cottagers sat around the fire. A few white hairs fell around the winter face of the deceased, which seemed to indicate that he died from sorrow rather than age. The son pressed his lips to his father's cheek. He grieved in spirit and was troubled. He raised his head in agony, and with a voice almost inarticulate with grief exclaimed inquiringly, "my mother?"

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For several minutes he bent over the bed and wept bitterly. He held her withered hand to his; and as we approached him, the hand he held was stiff and lifeless. He wept no longer—he gazed from the dead body of his father to that of his mother—his eyes wandered wildly from one to the other—he smote his hand upon his brow and threw himself upon a chair, while misery transfixed him, as if a thunderbolt had entered his soul.

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front door stood open. He knocked, but no one answered. He proceeded along the passage...he heard voices in an apartment on the right; again he knocked, but was unanswered. He entered uninvited. A group was standing in the middle of the floor, and among them a minister, commencing the marriage service of the church of Scotland. The bride hung her head sorrowfully, and tears were stealing down her cheeks; she was his own Jeanie Leslie. The clergyman paused. The bride's father stepped forward angrily, and inquired. "What do you want sir?" but, instantly recognising his features, he seized him by the breast, and in a voice half choked with passion, continued, "Sorrow tak' ye for a scoundrel! what's brought ye here; an' the mair especially at a time like this? Get out o' my house, sir; I say, Willie Campbell, get out o' my house, an' never darken my door again wi' your ne'er-do-well countenance."

A sudden shriek followed the mention of his name, and Jeanie Leslie fell into the arms of her bridegroom.

"Peace, Mr. Leslie," said the soldier, pushing the old man aside, "since matters are thus, I will only stop to say farewell, for auld lang syne; you cannot deny me that."

He passed towards the object of his young love. She spoke not; she moved not, but she seemed unconscious of what he did.

And, as he again gazed on her beautiful countenance, absence beamed as a dream upon her face. The very language he had acquired during their separation was laid aside. Nature triumphed over art, and he addressed her in the accents in which he first breathed love and won her heart.

"Jeanie," said he pressing her hand between his, "it's a sair thing to say farewell, but at present I maun say it. This is a scene I never expected to see; for, oh, Jeanie; I could have trusted to your truth and to your love as the farmer trusts to seed time and harvest, and is not disappointed.—I thought it was ill enough, when, hoping to find my father's forgiveness, I found them digging his grave; or when I reached my mother's bedside, and found her only able to stretch out her hand and say, 'it's my ain bairn—its my ain bairn!' But I maun bid you fareweel—Willie...fareweel already!—it is sair...sair! But oh, may the bles-syng o' the God o' Abraham—As she said this the death rattle grew louder in her throat—for a moment her eyes became as bright as diamonds—she thought it was the immortal spark leaving the body; and before I could speak, the cold film of death passed over them, and the tears I saw gathering in them while she was speaking rolled down the cheeks of a corpse! But oh, Jeanie, woman! it was na a trial this—that is like separating the flesh from the bones, and burning the marrow! But ye maun be another's now—fareweel! fareweel!"

"No, no, my ain Willie!" she exclaimed, recovering from the agony of stupefaction; "my hand is still free, and my heart has been yours—save me, Willie—save me!" and she threw herself into his arms.

The bridegroom looked from one to another, imploring them to commence an attack upon the intruder, but he looked in vain.

The father again seized the old grey coat of the soldier, and almost rending it in twain, discovered underneath to the astonished company the richly laced uniform of a British officer. He dropped the fragment of the outer garment in wonder, and at the same time dropping his wrath, exclaimed, "Mr. Campbell!—or what are ye?"

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